

REMARKS

Claims 3-7, 13, and 18 are now pending in the application. Applicant cancels Claims 1, 2, 8-12, and 14-17 without disclaimer or prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 8-12, and 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lish (U.S. Pat. No. 5,050,119). Applicant cancelled Claims 1, 2, 8-12, and 14-17. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 3-7, 13, and 18 are allowable. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowable claims.

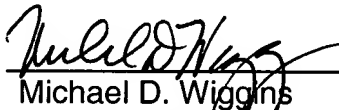
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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